



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
*"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"*



May 31, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AWARD  
FROM THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION FOR  
COUNTYWIDE AQUATICS "SUMMER SWIM 2005" PROGRAM  
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3-Vote Matter)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept and implement a grant not to exceed \$97,808.44 from the Amateur Athletic Foundation for the Summer Swim 2005 Program.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adoption of the agreement will authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to accept up to \$97,808.44 from the Amateur Athletic Foundation (AAF) for the Summer Swim 2005 Program.

Each year, the Department operates swimming pools during the summer, providing swim instruction, recreational, and competitive swim opportunities to the residents of Los Angeles County. The AAF provides funds for aquatics programming activities throughout Los Angeles County, and has partnered with the Department since 1987, in support of the Summer Swim Program. The funding provided through this grant program will be used to offset costs for existing program staff, participant awards, staff uniforms, and necessary program equipment. Program components include supervised competitive swim, competitive diving, and synchronized swim and water polo with special emphasis on improving the overall physical well-being, stamina and sportsmanship of participants through conditioning sessions and inter-pool competitions.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The authorization to accept this grant enhances Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships. In addition, the funding requested from the AAF Grant Program will provide the Department with fiscal resources necessary to enhance and improve programming at various parks.

Furthermore, this continued commitment on improving the lives of children and families supports their well-being (Goal 5) through effective coordination and collaboration with community stakeholders as well as Improving the Quality of Life for the Residents of Los Angeles' County unincorporated communities (Goal 6) by offering aquatic services responsive to the community's needs.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The AAF funding provided through this grant program will be used to offset costs for the Summer Swim 2005 Program and will have no impact on the General Fund. The total grant funding, in an amount not to exceed \$97,808.44, includes \$54,641.15 in revenue to the Department and \$43,167.29 that the AAF will pay directly to vendors for equipment, awards, t-shirts and lifeguard hats for use in the Department's program.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department will be required to operate the Summer Swim 2005 Program in accordance with the standard terms and conditions of the AAF agreement.

#### IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

The program offers novice swimmers the opportunity to participate in specialized instruction to develop competitive swimming and diving skills, and participate in synchronized swimming and water polo. Additionally, youth are offered the opportunity to participate in individual competitive meets and team competition. The program benefits these youth because individual instruction is offered at no-charge, whereas in other municipalities specialized instruction usually involves participant fees. The availability of this program greatly enhances the County's current competitive swim and dive program, and generates greater participant interest and exposure to the competitive aquatic sport of water polo and synchronized swimming for those youth who may not have available resources to participate in such aquatics programs.



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**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that two (2) conformed copies of this letter and the original contract be returned to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written above the printed name.

Russ Guiney  
Director

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors